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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMB. LEARSON

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SUBJ: LOS: DAILY REPORT FOR THE SECRETARY

1. COMMITTEE I: THE COMMITTEE I WORKSHOP CONCLUDED ITS BUSINESS ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND DECIDED NOT TO TAKE UP THE MATTER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF TIME FOR FULL DISCUSSION AT THIS SESSION. THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE CIRCULATING INFORMALLY THEIR PROPOSALS ON ARTICLE 27 ON VOTING AND COMPOSITION IN THE COUNCIL. THE FIRST COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN FORMAL SESSION TODAY AND TOMORROW MORNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING GENERAL COMMENTS OF THE REPORT OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE WORKSHOP.

2. COMMITTEE II: THE COMMITTEE MET IN THE AFTERNOON TO CONSIDER THOSE ISSUES THE CHAIRMAN CHARACTERIZED AS "MISCELLANEOUS", THAT IS, THOSE ISSUES NOT ADDRESSED BY CONSULTATION GROUPS THIS SESSION. AMONG ISSUES RAISED, WITH SCATTERED COMMENT, WERE DESIGN, MANNING, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT STANDARDS IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA, THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA, THE TRANSITIONAL PROVISION ON
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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ARCHIPELAGOES, AND BASELINES.

DEBATE WAS INCONCLUSIVE, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT CHANGES COULD BE INCORPORATED BY MAKING CLEAR, IN FORMAL COMMITTEE SESSIONS ON THE RECORD, THAT THEY HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED AND WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMITTEE. IN SUCH CASE, THEY WOULD BE INCLUDED AS ANNEXES TO THE CHAIRMAN'S FINAL REPORT. THIS IS TANTAMOUNT IN SAYING THAT IN THE CHAIR'S VIEW, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE.

3. HEATED DEBATE OCCURED ON DELIMITATION OF ECONOMIC ZONES AND CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN OPPOSITE AND ADJACENT STATES, WITH TURKEY AND GREECE PERDICTABLY TAKING OPPOSITE POSITIONS. CANADA PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT DESIGNED TO MOVE THE TEXT CLOSER TO HER POSITION (EQUI-DISTANCE) ON DELIMITATION BETWEEN US AND CANADA AND GULF OF MAINE. WE ARE CONSULTING L AND EUR, BUT FOR THE MOMENT SEE NO NEED FOR US TO REPLY.

4. GENERAL: PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE CALLED TOGETHER HEADS OF DEL FROM 20 NATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEING IF A COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED ON ARTICLE 22 (ACCESS SYSTEM). THE NATIONS PRESENT REPRESENTED EACH OF THE GROUPS OF THE CONFERENCE. A MAJORITY WERE IN FAVOR OF A PARALLEL SYSTEM (UNSPECIFIED), BUT WOULD NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES WITHOUT DETAILS OF THE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL PLAN AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PLAN. AMB. LEARSON TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE DETAILS OF THAT PLAN COULD BE PRODUCED WITHIN 24 HOURS IF THERE WERE AGREEMENT OF AN ASSURED ACCESS SYSTEM BASED ON OBJECTIVE CRITERIA. THE CONCLUSION WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD FORM A SMALL GROUP TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATING EFFORT.

5. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS SESSION IT WAS KNOWN THAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN COULD NOT CHANGE THE TEXT--ONLY THE PRESIDENT, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CHAIRMEN. THE PRESIDENT MAY FIND HIMSELF IN A POSITION OF BEING UNABLE TO CHANGE ANYTHING IN COMMITTEE I AND, THEREFORE, CAN CHANGE NOTHING IN COMMITTEES II AND III. IN ANY CASE, THE RESULTS OF THIS SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE MAY WELL BE MERELY NOTES AND COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMEN OF WHAT OCCURRED IN THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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